

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In Re Application of: James P. Elia | ) |                                  |
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| Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED        | ) |                                  |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS           | ) |                                  |
| FOR INSTALLATION OF                 | ) |                                  |
| DENTAL IMPLANT                      | ) |                                  |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please change the title of the instant application from “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSTALLATION OF DENTAL IMPLANT” to – METHOD FOR REPAIRING A DAMAGED PORTION OF A HUMAN ORGAN – .

Please insert the following as the first paragraph at the top of page one of the specification:

-- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/794,456, filed February 27, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/064,000, filed April 21, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/837,608, filed April 21, 1997, now abandoned, which is continuation-in-part of application